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*Introduction:

Apocalyptic and post –apocalyptic fictions are the sub variety of science fiction and basically it is a fear, a horror or a scientific imagination in which either the earth or some other planet is in a huge risk and it's civilization is devastating or has devastated.

The word apocalypse came from the ancient greek word which means to "disclose" ,'to open up'.In several spiritual books like Bible,the end of the world is always a well discussed theme.What might come after the end of the world is always a topic of great intrest and fascination for people.

Post-apocalyptic fictions are the sub types of science fiction which deals with the situation where some calamity or some devastation has already happened and the characters are trying their best to live alive and making every effort for safe survival and they want to start a new life.The end of the world can be because of anything .It can be a world war, a pandemic , an alien attack , or any other man made or natural disaster,where the termination of the world has already taken place and people are fighting for their survival and existence.

Apocalyptic stories are set during a major catastrophe such as flood or tsunami or an alien attack,whereas the post -apocalyptic novel are set after an apocalyptic affair,and humanity has returned to an edge of existance.They deal with anti modernism ,anti development ,anti science themes.As per the perspective of such kind of novels ,the new revolution in science and technology is taking place ,and in an effort to create a modern world, man is destroying himself.

Such post apocalyptic novels, most of the times are action aligned ,bold and adventurous in nature.These are survival stories. Most of the time the protagonist of the story is having extra ordinary survival skills and makes his own way to fight against the situation.

These types of fictions want to take the entire world back to former and primitive epoch where life was very simple without any electronic tools and appliances or machines.At the end of such novels ideal life considered is the one where people enjoy natural environment and primary occupations like fishing and farming, live in self sufficient towns etc.

Post apocalyptic novels deals with the themes like world war, a pandemic situation , destruction of popular cities, natural disasters, nuclear attack ,an alien attack or things like that.It is a type of science fiction which involves how the whole world faces the catastrophe .Such novels depicts an apocalyptic circumstances either man made such as nuclear war or can be natural such as extreme climatic changes such as flood drought, or medical such as pandemic or imaginative such as ageing fast, zombie etc.Some other kind of themes can be a shortage of natural resources like water ,ecological attack , cybernetic attack etc.e.g.'State of Panic' is a novel by Jack Hunt depicts a story of a world which sinks into blackness and darkness.Successive co-ordinated attacks in US. after failing of anti-missile system in Europe, the country falls into darkness on account of electricity failure .It deals with how a group of young people fights to survive while trying to protect and save their families and beloved.

'State Of Decay 'is another novel by jack Hunt in which after surviving from the US. attack Lt.Scot Murphy and his group ,Sam faces a brutal foe who threatens to kill those who are remain alive in nuclear attack , and if the whole group wants to survive then they must forget their differences and come together to overcome the struggle and havoc and damage of the situation.

Another novel by Jack Hunt 'Phobia' depicts an attack of a virus on the entire globe which reminds us the attack of corona virus and the recent pandemic situation.Frank Talbot, the protagonist is having the phobia of this infectious ailment and how he approaches and tackles with it ,is the plot of the novel.

H.G Wells wrote several post-apocalyptic novels which deals with various themes .In 'The Time Machine' (1885) the hero of the novel travels behind the time in the post catastrophic world where human social and cultural development has ruined and tumbledown humanity is parted in two generes, Morlocks and Eloi.The other novel 'The Machine Stops ' a science fiction written by E.M. Foster which deals with post apocalyptic theme where mankind relies upon gigantic machines to meet its necessities and basic requirements .In this novels he predicted the technology in future such as voice and video messageing and internet.The story deals with an imaginary world where the human race is not capable to remain alive on the surface of geosphere.Every individual is living alone in seprate cell below ground .Giant Machines are operating the human lives.Ward Moore's' Greener Than You Think' is the novel which basically a ridicule which deals with how mankind has disturbed the ecosystem . Man's greediness ,his hunger for growth of grass with supernatural growth formula leads to the end of the world in starvation and hunger.

*The Statement of the Problem:

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The proposed research problem critically analyses the research problem –how the works of Jack Hunt deals with the post apocalyptic issues like struggle for survival, aftermath of manmade and natural disasters, human relations and values, actions and adventures etc .Most of the times human being's greediness is the cause of his own failure.

*Hypotheses:

The proposed study would examine how the human being is helpless when an earth shaking catastrophe takes place.Most of the time human being himself is resposible for the devastation of his life.Sometimes nature becomes almighty and takes control over the situation .Human Life is important and one makes one's best to survive.
The analytical study of post apocalyptic novels may have the following outcomes:-

1.The human life is unpredictable and uncertain but at the same time it is precious too.

2 .In Most cases ,humans are responsible for their own distruction ,and humans destroy ecosystem by encroaching on them.

3.Science and Technology has its advantages but at the same time it has major disadvantages too.

4 Manmade and natural catastrophies affects the human life drastically.It leaves a deep psychological ,social ,political impact.

*Research Aims And Objectives :

Post- apocalyptic fictions deals with the psychological ,social ,political impact of the disasters whether it is manmade or natural, on mankind .To study such kind of science fictions realises human being his role on earth. Human being considers himself as a almighty.But a single stroke of a calamity can destroy him from his roots.The main objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To study and analyse the post-apocalyptic elements in select books of Jack Hunt.

2. To analyse how humanity faces the calamities and rebuilds again and struggle to survive after an earth shaking disaster.

3.To study the social, financial, psychological, political effects of the natural and manmade catastrophis in the post- apocalyptic books of Jack Hunt.

4. To study the effect of science and technology, its pros and cons in various areas of human life.

5. To study how the human life is unstable and a sudden catastrophe can change a peaceful human life drastically.

*Review of literature:

Jack Hunt's scientific fictions, his published work on national and international level will be taken into consideration.His website, newspapers, articles, blogs will be studied to know more about the author.Here as a primary sources his four novels are taken into consideration.

All that Rises, As Our world Ends, An Ageing and The Last Storm will be the text and primary sources .where as several secondary sources like papers, news articles , will get studied.*The Ice people*(1998)by Gee, Maggie in which Maggie struggles about the suvival of love between man and women in a future frozen iceland, Classic novel '*Greener than You Think* (2008) 'by Ward Moor which deals with the' Bermuda grass ' which is growing with a giant speed.*'Surviving The Evacuation'* (2013) by Frank Tayell in which one may surprise how a person can survive without food and water ,medical supplies and electricity.*The Time Machine* (1895)has a hero traveling to the year back in past 802,701 AD, .'*The Machine Stops '* by E.M. Foster deals with people are dependant on huge machines for their need and isolated in cells underground .

Ashes By Jo Treggiari is having an imaginative story which deals with an electromagnetic pulse breezes through the sky destroying every electronic device.Similarly several critical view on the novels like' *The Eleventh Plague* 'by jeff Hirsch, *The Line* by Teri Hall, *Not a Drop To Drink* by Mindy McGinnis.Partials by Dan Wells, Rot and Ruin by Jonnathen Mabery are some secondary sources which can be discussed and analysed.Several research papers available in e -library will be taken into consideration. Similarly Jack Hunt's other Post-Apocalyptic novels such as *The Year Without Summer* which is having a plot in which

the year 1816 –no summer year which leads into volcanic eruption which disturbs weather patterns like excessive rainfall snowfall and frost, *Rules of Survival(*2019), *When The World Turns Dark*(2022), *As Our World Burns*(2020) and many other post-apocalyptic books can be given as references .

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*Research design and methodology

The Research will have an analytical approach which is mostly based upon library study.With the help of texual studies (Primary sources)e.g. All that Rises, As Our World Ends, The Aging, and The Last Storm along with secondary sources will get prolifically studied.Samples from primary sources will be discussed.The events and circumstances will be taken into consideration .Observation, analysis and its explanation will be crucial here. Library sources like research articles, papers will be taken into consideration.

Here the Analytical method and descriptive method will be used as a research methodology.

*Scope and Limitations:

Scope :Selective four post- apocalyptic works of Jack Hunt are focused ,which would have an interdisciplinary approach as it moves across the area and disciplines like fiction , human culture , narratives, history ,human psychology and diaspora .This study investigates the role of the human nature and morality.In these novels post apocalyptic culture is shown which is unstable, and imbalance .

Limitations: Post- apocalyptic works deal with many themes like climatic change ,war,natural calamities, pendamicetc.Discussing all such themes is not possible .Only few are talked about in this work .There are several post-apocalyptic writers but a single writer is taken into

consideration e.g. Jack Hunt. Only the post apocalyptic view of the novels are taken into consideration ,and not the other perspectives like post colonial view .

*Chapter Scheme:

It is a tentative chapterisation and changes can be made if required as per research guide's guidance.

Chapter One:

Introduction: In the introduction chapter the difference between dystopian ,apocalyptic and post apocalyptic novels will be discussed in short.Some post apocalyptic works and the themes will be talked about .Four works of Jack Hunt are taken into consideration .All that Rises, As our World Ends,An Aging ,and The Last Storm are the post -apocalyptic books which will be critically analysed. The introduction of Jack Hunt and his book's references will be included in it.

Chapter Two: Post Apocalyptic perspective in' All that Rises:'

It is the fourth and final book in the Lone Survivor ,which deals with a group of survivors as they struggle for life after an EMP ruins the power supply of the nation.The protagonist Landon Gray when meets his wife Sara after a long period of time ,only to learn of her adultery , which is just a starting of their sufferings.The small town they worked so hard is on the margin of collapse. For sufferers even leaving the place is not easy when family is not together ,especially when it is divided and dangerous situations are present at every corner.

Chapter Three: Post Apocalyptic perspective in 'As our World Ends '

It is also a survival thriller, An very comman day comes in life which no more remains common when a devastating event changes lives forever.Alex Reid working as a member of US Coast Guard, on the verge of taking divorce .One day his wife comes to him to get the mutual divorce and signed the papers , a disasterous and horrible situation comes when all the means of communications fails down as an explosion accurs across America.Desperate to protect their family they come together in search of their daughter.They together struggle for their survival after an attack which devastated the country and cut the power supply.

Chapter Four :Post- Apocalyptic Perspective in 'The Ageing'

The novel has an imaginative notion that one single touch and a person starts aging fast.He loses his youthness in a single day .Before anyone can react or response entire city traps in it.This is the story of Elizabeth and her children who flee to the other hostile country very soon realise that reaching safely will not be easy at all.

Chapter Five :Post- Apocalyptic Perspective in "The Last Storm"

An US.soldier Alex Riley migrate towards a small town which is isolated and peaceful. But this peaceful living devasted one day when a abrupt catastrophic storm destroys the whole nation and this family gets caught in a 14 story building along with local rogue Cayden Jones.This is the story how they fight and struggle to stay alive.

Chapter Six : Conclusion :

In this last chapter the outcomes of the thesis will be discussed.
What is the purpose of human life and how the simple life is more tension free and worthy,will be discussed in this chapter**.**

***Plan of work (Time Schedule of Activity) :**

Sir No.	Date	Particulars
1	June 2021 to May 2022	Theoretical preparation(Literature Reading) Data collection
2	June 2022 to May 2023	Theoretical Preparation(Literature Reading) ,Data collection and analysis
3	June 2023 to May 2024	Discussion with the research Supervisor for final thesis Multi steps evaluation and submission of the final thesis Writing, discussion, revision, and submission of chapters.

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